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The special committee to select a site for the first city on the Main Turkmen Canal has completed its work. It was decided to build the city north of the Takhia-Tash promontory. The plan of the city is being prepared by the best architects of Moscow, Leningrad, and Tashkent.(7)

In Estonia, the new city of Kokhtla-Yarve developed on the site of a small, insignificant village. At present, the new city has three schools, a movie house, a miners' club, and eight nurseries. A modern hospital was completed in 1950.(8)

The new city of Pechora was built during the postwar Five-Year Plan. It is situated on the Pechora River at the point where the railroad crosses that river. The city serves mainly as a transshipping point for the coal mined at the Vorkuta mine.(9)

A new settlement for workers of the "Tsentroneergomontazh" Trust of the Ministry of Electric Power Stations USSR has grown near the Lobnya railroad station, 28 kilometers from Moscow. So far, 56 one- and two-story houses have been completed. A movie house to seat 200 persons, a library, a restaurant, a post office, a drug store, and a hotel are nearing completion. It is expected that in 1952 the settlement will be enlarged by 12 two-story apartment houses and other buildings.(10)

In the Valkskiy Rayon of Latvia, preliminary work for the construction of kolkhoz villages started during the winter so that scores of houses could be moved to their new sites this spring. So far, over 120 houses have been moved, and it is expected that from 130 to 280 more will be moved before the sowing season. Most of the houses were dismantled and put together again on the new sites, and a few were moved on rollers towed by tractors.(11)

Although the town of Kalininsk does not appear on the map of the USSR, it actually exists and is developing rapidly. The new town is located between Nikitovka and Khatsapetovka in the Ukraine. During the past 3 years, more than 100,000 square meters of housing were built in Kalininsk, and 80,000 square meters of roads and sidewalks were paved and asphalted. Large workers' settlements have developed, including Oktyabr'skiy, Pervomayskiy, and Sotsgorodok. About 2,000 workers have built their own homes there. A regular bus line operates between individual mines, and the plants are connected with the town by streetcar. It is planned to build an asphalt highway to Gorlovka and Yenakiyevo.(12)

In the suburban district of Moscow, not far from the new site of the Moscow University, a new town of neat-looking, prefabricated, two-story houses, erected along wide streets lately has developed. Several thousand workers live in the town. At present, eight multistory houses are under construction, and two schools, a club, hospital, and a kindergarten are nearing completion. In the near future, it is planned to start the construction of an additional 30 multistory buildings with a total floor space of 40,000 square meters.(13)

The Moscow suburban village of Kozhukhovo has added asphalt-surfaced streets, green parks, and tall buildings. At present, three buildings of six, eight and nine stories, respectively, are being added to the living space of the village. The three buildings consist altogether of 178 apartments which are earmarked for teachers, construction workers, and their families.(14)

Construction of a new small town of scientists is beginning in the village of Pavlovo, formerly Koltushi, where many laboratories of the Institute of Physiology imeni I. P. Pavlov are located. "Lenakademproyekt" /Leningrad Office of the Academy of Sciences Planning Trust/ has been authorized to work out detailed plans for the construction, building rights, and landscaping of this large center of physiological science. On an area of 280 hectares, there will be comfortable homes for scientific workers and employees, laboratories for the study of problems of higher nervous activity and the physiology of farm animals, and special buildings to house experimental animals.(15)

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